

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY IN ORIGINAL APPLICATION  
(FOR THE CONVERSION OF A PROVISIONAL APPLICATION  
UNDER 35 USC § 111(b) TO A UTILITY APPLICATION UNDER 35 USC 111(a))**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56,

- and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent; and
- if this is a continuation-in-part application, information that occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63(e); and
- in compliance with this duty, there is attached an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s), filed under 35 USC 111(b), listed below:

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